

Biographies of Speakers for Workshop Two

JUSTIN CHAPMAN, SOLE PROPRIETOR

Justin Chapman is a sole proprietor providing real estate consulting and project and asset management services to properties in urban infill locations around Los Angeles. Mr. Chapman specializes in transitioning complex developments from the end of construction into and through stabilized operations. Prior to that, Mr. Chapman worked as a Development Manager at Urban Partners, LLC in Los Angeles from 2002-2007, and played a key role in the financing, planning and management of the Del Mar Station, Wilshire Vermont Station, Serenade Apartments and University Gateway developments in the Greater Los Angeles area. In total, these properties contain over 1,500 apartments and 130,000 square feet of retail space.

ABIGAIL THORNE-LYMAN, PROJECT DIRECTOR, RECONNECTING AMERICA

Abigail Thorne-Lyman is Project Director in Reconnecting America's Oakland office, and manages a range of technical assistance projects throughout the United States. She was previously a Principal at Strategic Economics, a partner in the Center for Transit-Oriented Development, where she managed economic and real estate analyses for a range of different clients including transit agencies and local governments. She has worked with CTOD since 2004, during which time she has completed a wide range of assignments supporting TOD at the station area, corridor, and regional scales. Abby received her Master in City Planning from U.C. Berkeley with a concentration in regional and local economic development. She has a Bachelor of Arts in the Growth and Structure of Cities from Bryn Mawr College.

TUNG 'T' TRAN, DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE, ROEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Tran began his career as a landscape architect in 1993. He joined the San Jose Redevelopment Agency (SJRA) in 2000 to work on strategic planning, urban design and plan review of both public and private development projects. While at SJRA he was also responsible for managing the implementation of 20 capital improvement projects and programs in neighborhoods including community centers, parks, streetscapes, and traffic calming measures with a total 5-year programmed budget exceeding \$6 million. In this capacity, Mr. Tran facilitated and coordinated development issues among staff, general counsels, council offices, developers, community members, and design consultants. Mr. Tran also served as the Agency liaison to local business association to promote its neighborhood business district and assisted business owners through the development and entitlement process. At ROEM, Mr. Tran's responsibilities include acquisition, entitlement, and project management for both market rate and affordable housing projects.

RICK WILLIAMS, PARTNER, VAN METER WILLIAMS POLLACK, LLP

A partner and founder of Van Meter Williams Pollack, Rick Williams is a leader in urban design and transit-oriented development. With a background in both planning and architecture, Rick focuses on planning and urban design projects involving mixed-use, transit oriented community plans and

architectural design. His architectural work ranges from residential to mixed-use neighborhoods, urban infill, multifamily affordable and workforce housing throughout the Bay Area. Rick's understanding of building types and the public realm informs urban design projects that benefit from realistic implementation strategies, development regulations and design guidelines. His urban design efforts include national and west coast TOD and infill plans. His diverse experience also includes commercial and institutional projects.

Rick has worked extensively with public agencies, cities, nonprofit organizations, and diverse and disenfranchised communities. He is adept at negotiating the regulatory framework and writing innovative codes and guidelines to articulate the design parameters for mixed-use, pedestrian and transit-oriented development. Rick's primary focus is the implementation of complex, visionary design projects whose success depends on high quality design, strong community involvement, unique financing and public-private development partnerships. Rick also continues to lead efforts on a variety of affordable housing developments within a wide number of communities in the Bay Area. Rick has lectured extensively on issues of contemporary urban planning, and his urban design projects have been published in books and leading design and planning journals.

KEN RYAN, PRINCIPAL, KTG GROUP, INC.

Ken Ryan is a Principal with the design firm of KTG Group, Inc., overseeing the Community Planning and Urban Design Studio. Ken is known for his leadership, strategic insight, creative thinking, and communication skills. With over 25 years of experience, he has been responsible for a wide variety of complex, high-profile projects throughout the United States. His impressive list of projects includes the Corona High Speed Rail Transit District, the Honda Center, Desert Willow Resort, Chapman University, and the Agua Caliente Resort and Spa. Ken and his Studio are currently serving as the Design Advisor for Anaheim's ARTIC (Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center) High Speed Rail Transportation District next to Angel Stadium, which received the 2009 Gold Nugget Outstanding On-the-Boards Site Plan Grand Award and the 2010 SCAG Compass Blueprint Award.

Ken has served on numerous local, regional and national boards including: two-term past Mayor of the City of Yorba Linda; past two-term Chairman of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Toll Road Agency; past Board Member of the Orange County/Riverside County MIS (Major Investment Study) Corridor Agency; past Board Member of the TCS (Transportation Corridor System) Orange County Toll Road Agency; current Advisory Board Chairman for Abode Communities of Orange County; current Member of the National Board of Directors for Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc.; current Governing Board Chairman of the Placentia Linda Hospital; current Advisory Board Member of Planning, Policy, and Design at U.C. Irvine; past Member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Fire Authority; and recently served as a Member of the City of Anaheim's Housing Element Ad Hoc Committee.

He has been selected numerous times in Builder and Developer's "Who's Who in Homebuilding", was recognized as one of the 25 Most Influential People in North Orange County Magazine, and was one of three representatives from the United States invited to participate in an International roundtable discussion held at the SINO-International Real Estate Summit in Shanghai, China. He guest lectures at

USC, Cal Poly Pomona, and UCI, publishes numerous articles regarding the planning profession, and has regularly participated in Orange County radio and television programs. Ken received his Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. He lives in Yorba Linda with his wife and twin boys.